

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 989 – HB 1103

March 2, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires an animal shelter to retain a dog or cat for at least 48 hours, and to attempt to contact the owner during that time, before spaying or neutering such animal. Requires the shelter to keep written records of all attempts to contact the animal's owner.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004423): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the agents of various entities offering animal shelter services, including, but not limited to, animal and humane shelters, to make reasonable efforts, if an animal has any identification, to locate and notify the animal's owner within 48 hours of custody or within two business days of such custody before euthanizing such animal.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the information provided by the County Technical Assistance Service, animal shelters generally hold cats and dogs for 72 hours before making them available for adoption.
- Requiring shelters to make a reasonable effort to locate and notify an animal's owner within 48 hours if such animal has any identification will not result in a significant fiscal impact to public or private animal shelters.
- Any impact on the number of dogs that will be euthanized, and on any associated expenditures with such procedures, is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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